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Internet use profile of university student

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Abstract

This research is based on to identify the university students's internet usages. It's a type of descriptive study. This research has been existed about 169 students whose studying at Near East University. "To identify the students's internet usages" has been developed by Teralı and Tuğun (2010) for to accumulate the datas. There are 35 questions to identify the students's demographical profiles in this questionnaire. After the accumulation of this questionnaire the datas has been coded and has been analysed by SPSS statistics programme. Also frequency analysis has been done for all variabilities. A huge percentage of the students are using the internet for researching. This research has been shown us that there aren't too many differences between the University's departments. It has been suggested that students have to be canalized to proper sources for to use the internet more effectively. It can be more productive to calculate the time while the students using the internet according to their usages.

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1. Introduction

Internet is a communication link all around the world. Via internet technology, people can be reach the datas more easily, cheap, rapidly and safely. Also internet has own rules while sharing informations via "information link". These rules can be named as "Internet Protocol" or TCP/IP family.

TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/ Internet Protocol) is to provide a bridge between sending and receiving datas organizations. Another words, TCP/IP controls the data transfers between the computers. File Transfer Protocol (FTP), Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) and also TELNET (Login Protocol) are the examples of TCP/IP. Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP) is making a connection between the two links in WWW ports. TCP/IP can be use in another communication link. LAN is mostly connect two different types of computers or can also make a connection in an office service stations. The users who use these kind of connections, have to be responsible about their behaviours. "Internet" or "Net" is not only a link, it's a compound of different types of protocols and links.

Data transfers on the internet, passes lots of links until they reach their targets. Therefore every users have to keep their loads in a balance. You can also have a permission to reach the other links as well. Every link has its own rules

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and responsibilities. All free links have been drafted to be a controllable by their procedures. Users have to obey these kind of rules.

You can either use free links for malicious things as well. Internet is not a “Right” it’s a “Privilege”. This privilege can be taken off from you. Such kind of malicious usages can be hacking, cheating or can be disturbing another people by messages. By doing these malicious things you can be sacked from your job, disciplinary penalty or your account can be cancelled.

Internet is a huge cyber world which contains both useful and harmful things. In this world you can come face to face with unnecessary things that you do not want. Mostly like obscene films, pictures or commercials.

According to people, mostly the younger, internet is known as a free communication. In the recent years, internet takes the most percentage of our lives. Youngers mostly use the internet for making their homeworks, chatting and playing games. Specialists believe that the internet must be controlled for stopping such kind of harmful things.

2. Research

In Bekir Danıştekin’s (2007) research, his aim is to identify the primary school teachers’ internet usage profiles. How much they know internet, their internet usage levels and what are their aims while using the internet. In this research, about 108 primary teachers have been analysed. According to the results, men, younger, single and new teachers are taking the most percentage of internet usage according to women, older, married and old teachers.

In Aysen Sürmeli’s (2005) research, her aim is to identify the high school teachers’ internet usage profiles, how much they know internet, their internet usage levels and what are their aims while using the internet. In this research, about 498 teachers have been analysed. According to the results, men, younger, single and new teachers are taking the most percentage of internet usage according to women, older, married and old teachers.

In Taner Erdoğan’s (2008) research, his aim is to identify both the University of Mersin and Cukurova’s physical education students’ internet usages. About 278 students have been analysed. According to results, boys are taking the most percentage of internet usage according to girls.

3. Aim of Research

The aim of this research is to identify the level of the usage of internet between the university students. Also two different kinds of questions have been taken place in the questionnaires as well. These were :

- Are their departments making any differences on their internet usages?
- Are their faculties making any differences on their internet usages?

4. Method

This research is based on descriptive study

4.1 Tools

In this research, Teralı and Tuğun (2010) use an updated questionnaire to the university students to collect and identify the data.

This questionnaire contains 35 questions which it has demographical structures and also Cronbach's alpha (0,952) method has been used.

4.2 Samples

This Project is based on the university students whose are studying at Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus. 169 students from Near East University are also formed this Project. Also, it has been taken into consideration about social and economical factors as well.

4.3 Analysing of Datas

All the results were analysed by SPSS statistics programme and also frequency analysing system has been used.

5. Inventions

%44.9 of the students are studying at Atatürk Education Faculty. Most of them are using the internet for newspapers and magazines. The others are using the internet for researching, homeworks, playing games, social sharing sites, chatting, sending and receiving mails, gathering informations, shopping and sharing videos and pictures. Also very little percentage of them are using it for to design a web page, online betting, online banking and for sexual sites. %2 of them are studying at Medicine Faculty. Most of them are using it for newspaper and magazines. %4 of them are studying at Arts and science Faculty and most of them are using it for online banking and online betting. %10.5 of them are studying at Faculty of Health and most of them are using it for researching, homeworks, newspapers and magazines, online banking and online betting. %6 of them are studying at Department of Physical Education and most of them are using it for social sharing sites, online betting and online banking. %4.2 of them are studying at Faculty of Law and most of them are using it for researching, newspapers and magazines, watching movies, listening music and online shopping. %34 of them are girls and most of them are using it for researching, homeworks, sending and receiving mails, chatting and designing a web page. %66 of them are boys and most of them are using it for researching, social sharing sites, homeworks, online shopping, online betting, downloading files, listening music, watching movies, online banking, chatting and sexual sites.

Results and Advices

%75.1 of the students are using the internet for researching, %56.2 of them are using it for reading newspapers and magazines, %56.8 of them are using it for playing games, %65.7 of them are using it for their homeworks, %56.8 of them are using it for chatting, %53.8 of them are using it for watching movies and %51.5 of them are using it for gathering informations. According to these results most of the students are using the internet for researching. It can be suggested that, students must be canalized to the right sources to enable them to use the internet more correctly.

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